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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Von Rossum, et al.

Serial No. 09/508,852

Filed: June 2, 2000

For: REMOVABLE PROTECTION COATING

Group Art Unit 1632

Examiner: Michail Kornakov

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Honorable Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 20, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

The claimed invention, as defined by claims 30-45 is directed to a protective coating applied to a substantially transparent surface. The protective coating comprises a pigment and a binder, the binder comprising a polymer having a *weight-average molecular weight of 10,000 – 100,000 and an acid value of 40 – 250*. The coating is on a substantially transparent surface and the coating is removable with a removing agent comprising a base, preferably a strong base, and a complex former. The invention is further directed to a method of making the protective coating as recited in claims 46-49.

Claims 30-41, 44, and 46-48 stand rejected as anticipated by EP 0578,498. For a reference to anticipate a claim, that reference must teach each and every element of that claim. EP '498 discloses, in general terms, an acrylic polymer, which can be used for various